Processed foods and milk products also differ with regard to the class of consumer they cater to.

(c) Excise duty on processed food in-. not being removed because of nominal rate. Similarly, excise duty packaging is not exempted because of dimerous uses other than food industry.

Modernisation of mini steel plants

2374. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will Minister of STEEL AND'MINES be scd, ' to refer to -reply to Unstarred Question 1252 given in Rajya Sabha on March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the group set up to re- imend norms for modernisation of i steel plants has since submitted its art;

hat are the details thereof;

; c) if answer to part (a) above be in tive, by when the report is likely to be submitt

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The report i_s expected to ber sub- mi ted within the next few weeks.

सूखे के कारण मौतें

2375. **श्री शरद यादव :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उड़ीसा, राजस्थान, मध्य प्रदेश, गुजरात और उत्तर प्रदेश में सूखे के कारण कितने-कितने व्यक्तियों की मौतें हुई और कितने लोग अपने घर छोड़कर अन्य स्थानों को गये ; और

(ख) इस प्रकार के लोगों का पुनर्वास करने की योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा) : (क) और (ख) सूखे के कारण व्यक्तियों की मौतें होने की सूचना किसी राज्य से प्राप्त नहीं हुई है. सूखे से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों से अन्य स्थानों में जाने वाले व्यक्तियों की संख्या संबंधी जानकारी उपलब्ध नहीं है, तथापि केन्द्रीय सहायता से क्रियान्वित किए जा रहे सूखा राहत संबंधी कार्यक्रमों की दृष्टि से इस प्रकार के व्यक्तियों की संख्या सीमित होने की संभावना है ।

Central insecticides board

2376. SHEI ALADI ARUNA *alias* . V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE b_e pleased to stale;

a) whether the Central Government are aware that members of the Registration Cornmittee of the Central Insecticides Board are on gay-rolls of certain Pesticides Manufacturing Companies and are frequently visiting their guest houses using their fleet of $cars_4$ enjoying other unwarranted hospitalities in Delhi and other places as reported in a section of Pesticides in-- dustry magazines;

(b) whether it is a fact thatExe cutives of such Companies areajso frequently visiting the membersof the Registration Cornmittee attheir offices and residences; and

(c) whether Government referred the entire issue to the Central in vestigating agency, - if so, what are the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OP AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Government has not received any such complaint.

(c)i The question does not arise.